

**A RESOLUTION**

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**AS SUBSTITUTED (8/29/06)**

**BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**TO ESTABLISH THE BELTLINE TAX ALLOCATION DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TO APPOINT INITIAL MEMBERS, TO SET FORTH TERMS FOR STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 05-O-1733 establishes the BeltLine Redevelopment Area and Tax Allocation District Number Six – BeltLine; and

**WHEREAS**, the BeltLine Project is a project of critical importance to the future of the City of Atlanta, encompassing an unprecedented investment in new parks, trails, transit, affordable housing, and economic development, among other benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 05-O-1733 specifically requires that prior to the issuance of allocation bonds, the Atlanta Development Authority shall establish an Advisory Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 8(b) of 05-O-1733 requires that the City Council approve by resolution “the structure of said Advisory Committee, and the method of appointment of its members”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Atlanta Development Authority sought recommendations from all members of the Atlanta City Council, the Atlanta Planning Advisory Board, the BeltLine Network, and other concerned and involved organizations to develop a list of candidates for the Advisory Committee, and

**WHEREAS**, these organizations have the necessary experience and knowledge to provide appointments to the Advisory Committee, where such appointments will include individuals who will represent the neighborhoods affected by the BeltLine and individuals who have experience in the required categories outlined in 05-O-1733, including of parks and trails planning and development; transit planning and development; finance and business; complex project management; affordable housing; urban planning; arts and culture; historic preservation; green building principles; or other subjects relevant to the BeltLine project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Creation.** The Atlanta Development Authority shall create and convene the BeltLine Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee (“the BeltLine TAD Advisory

Committee” or “the Advisory Committee”), which committee shall be comprised of representatives from the Neighborhood Planning Units from each of the four quadrants, as well as other city residents or persons who represent organizations that operate within the City of Atlanta who have experience in the area of parks and trails planning and development; transit planning and development; finance and business; complex project management; affordable housing; urban planning; arts and culture; historic preservation; green building principles; or other subjects relevant to the BeltLine project.

**Section 2.**     **Membership.** The Advisory Committee shall be comprised of not fewer than 42 and not more than 45 members. The initial membership of the Advisory Committee shall be comprised of persons nominated and appointed as follows:

- a. **Geographical Representation (12):** Atlanta Planning Advisory Board (APAB) shall be responsible for the appointment of twelve (12) members, where such appointees shall represent the six (6) study areas of the BeltLine and where each of the six (6) study areas shall be composed of four (4) Neighborhood Planning Units. It will be the sole responsibility of APAB to establish an open and fair process for nomination and appointment of persons who wish to serve on the Advisory Committee in this category.
- b. **Technical Expertise Representation (10):** BeltLine Network (BLN) shall be responsible for the appointment of ten (10) members, where such appointees shall demonstrate expertise in (1) parks and trails planning and development; (2) transit and transportation planning and development; (3) community benefits principles; (4) community outreach; (5) economic development and affordable housing; (6) community planning and urban planning (including but not limited to “smart growth”, environmental protection and green building principles); (7) arts and culture; (8) historic preservation; (9) pedestrian access; (10) labor and workforce development; or other subjects relevant to the BeltLine project. It will be the sole responsibility of BLN to establish an open and fair process for nomination and appointment of persons who wish to serve on the Advisory Committee in this category.
- c. **City Council Representation (6):** Atlanta City Council shall be responsible for appointment of six (6) members, where such persons shall be appointed in the following manner: two nominees each from Council Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and At-Large District 1; Council Districts 5, 6, 7, 8 and At-Large District 2; and Council Districts 9, 10, 11, 12 and At-Large District 3.
- d. **President of City Council (1):** The President of City Council shall be responsible for the appointment of one (1) member.
- e. **Mayor of the City of Atlanta (1):** The Mayor shall be responsible for the appointment of one (1) member.
- f. **Atlanta Public School Representation (2):** Atlanta Public Schools shall be responsible for the appointment of two (2) members.

- g. **Fulton County Board of Commissioners (10):** Fulton County Board of Commissioners shall be responsible for the appointment of ten (10) members.

All initial members shall serve for a term of two (2) years, with such term commencing upon Council approval. Thereafter, the Advisory Committee shall establish terms of office in accordance with the terms set forth in Section 3 herein, but such terms shall require the appointment process set forth above.

**Section 3. Structure and Governance.** The Advisory Committee shall establish bylaws to govern the actions of the Advisory Committee, where such bylaws shall be adopted within sixty (60) days of its first meeting and shall be approved by a majority of the members of the Advisory Committee. The bylaws shall contain the following provisions, but shall not be limited thereto:

- a. **Purpose:** The role of the Advisory Committee shall include, but not be limited to,
  - i. Making recommendations to ADA and the City on the issuance, allocation and distribution of tax allocation bond proceeds within the BeltLine Redevelopment Area and receiving information from the ADA and the Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. to monitor the effective and equitable implementation of the BeltLine Redevelopment Plan.
  - ii. Accepting reports from the appropriate Neighborhood Planning Unit, BeltLine Planning Unit or other statutorily designated body related to decisions regarding economic development, land use or zoning issues related to the approved Work Plan, as authorized by the City Council.
- b. **Responsibilities:** The Advisory Committee shall develop and implement a “decision making support tool” designed to measure the impact of the BeltLine Project and ensure accountability for effective and equitable implementation of the project, as described in Section 8(d) of 05-O-1733.
  - i. Such modeling tool will measure current conditions and project the future conditions of the communities of the BeltLine area.
  - ii. The modeling tool will provide a foundation measure from which indicators of impacts can be collected and analyzed, for the purpose of offering statistically supported and informed recommendations to the decision making processes over the life of the BeltLine TAD.
  - iii. The modeling tool will consider such conditions as fiscal, environmental, socio-economic, and quality of life conditions affected by BeltLine projects, including but not limited to effects on business climate, employment rates, wage rates, tax receipts, public entity financial obligations, housing affordability, recreational opportunities, green space and transportation.
  - iv. The modeling tool may be applied to particular BeltLine projects or to the BeltLine redevelopment area as a whole; and the results of such

application may be used to provide baseline measures and indicators of positive and negative impacts, where such information may offer statistically supported information relevant to decision-making processes for the duration of the BeltLine Tax Allocation District.

- c. **Membership:** The Advisory Committee shall be responsible for soliciting the appointment of new members, and shall set forth in the bylaws the method and process for selection and removal of members in accordance with Section 2 of this resolution.
- d. **Meetings.** The Advisory Committee shall meet on at least a quarterly basis or as otherwise appropriate.
- e. **Subcommittees:** The Advisory Committee may create as many subcommittees as deemed appropriate.
- f. **Executive Committee:** The Advisory Committee may also create an Executive Committee, which purpose shall be to convene the entire body or to take action at the direction of the Advisory Committee, in lieu of a meeting of the entire body.

**Section 4.**     **Reporting.** The Advisory Committee shall provide a semi-annual report to the City Council and to the Mayor on its activities and shall convene an annual public reporting meeting.

**Section 5.**     **Independent Review.** The Advisory Committee shall receive and provide an independent review of the Work Plan, which review shall be funded by the Redevelopment Agent.